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SUBJ: TURKISH MEDIA REACTION: ASST SECSTATE HARMAN'S

ARRIVAL ANKARA

1. MOST TURKISH DAILIES APRIL 21 COVERED ASST SEC
HARTMAN'S SUNDAY ARRIVAL IN ANKARA IN FRONT PAGE
STORIES. MILLIYET'S HEADLINE READ "HARTMAN ARRIVED,
TURKEY WILL NOT MAKE ADVANCE CONCESSIONS." HEADLINE IN MOST OTHER
PAPERS MERELY NOTED ARRIVAL.

2. MOST STORIES REPORTED THAT HARMAN IS IN ANKARA TO
LEARN NEW GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON CYPRUS ISSUE AND TURKISH-
GREEK RELATIONS. THEY ALSO REPORT HE WILL MEET WITH FORMIN
CAGLAYANGIL AND OTHER FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS AND WOULD
POSSIBLY MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL.

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3. MILLIYET APRIL 21 REPORTED AN UNNAMED OFFICIAL'S COMMENT THAT THE "ATTITUDE OF TURKEY IS KNOWN...WE DO NOT AGREE TO THE IDEA OF MAKING ADVANCE CONCESSIONS."

4. MILLIYET ALSO REPORTED HARTMAN'S ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS APRIL 20 AT YESILKOY AIRPORT IN ISTANBUL. HARTMAN REPORTEDLY SAID IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION BOUT WHETHER OR NOT A TURKISH-GREEK CONFLICT MIGHT ERUPT THAT HE HOPED THAT SUCH A THING WOULD NOT HAPPEN AND THAT THE TWO SIDES IN DISCUSSIONS WITH ONE ANOTHER WOULD FIND A SOLUTION FOR THIS PROBLEM. HARTMAN ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE U.S. CONGRESS HAS STILL NOT MADE A FINAL DECISION ON MILITARY AID TO TURKEY AND THAT FORD AND KISSINGER ARE TRYING TO PERSUADE CONGRESS. HARMAN WAS ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT THE U.S. HAS NEVER IN ANY WAY SAID THAT IT WANTED TO ISOLATE TURKEY FROM ITS FRIENDS.

5. A CUMHURIYET EDITORIAL APRIL 21 SAID THAT "MR. HARTMAN HAS COME TO ASK FOR CONCESSIONS FROM TURKEY ON THE SUBJECT OF CYPRUS." THE EDITORIAL STATED "MR. HARTMAN'S TASK WILL NOT BE AN EASY ONE" SINCE A MEDIATOR SHOULD BE IMPARTIAL, BUT THE U.S. HAS IMPOSED AN ARMS EMBARGO ON TURKEY AND CONGRESS DECLARED APRIL 24 AS THE DAY OF "MAN'S INHUMANITY TO MAN," WHICH INDICATES WASHINGTON VIEWS ON TWO SIDES OF THE AEGEAN DIFFERENTLY. FURTHERMORE, THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDED THAT "A GOVERNMENT MAKING CONCESSIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE CYPRUS ISSUE AS THE FIRST STEP IN ITS PERFORMANCE CANNOT REMAIN IN POWER," AND THEREBY INCREASES THE DIFFICULTY OF MR. HARTMAN'S TASK.

6. TRT 1000 GMT RADIO NEWS APRIL 21 REPORTED FORMIN CAGLAYANGIL'S COMMENTS TO REPORTERS BEFORE HIS MEETING WITH HARMAN THIS MORNING. CAGLAYANGIL REPORTEDLY SAID THAT MR. HARTMAN WOULD NOT BE ASKING FOR CONCESSIONS ON CYPRUS, THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER, WHEN HE VISITED TURKEY LAST MARCH, HAD SAID THAT HE WAS NOT VISITING ANKARA TO ASK FOR CONCESSIONS, AND THAT HE DEFINITELY DID NOT BELIEVE THAT MR. HARMAN WOULD BE ASKING FOR CONCESSIONS.

7. BY CONTRAST, PREVIOUS DAY'S PRESS ACCOUNTS SPECULATED ON HARTMAN'S VISIT TO ANKARA AND REPORTED A DISPATCH FROM ANKA NEWS UNCLASSIFIED

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AGENCY THAT HARTMAN WOULD SEEK ADVANCE CONCESSIONS FROM TURKEY. ACCORDING TO THE ANKA ITEM, HARTMAN'S MEETINGS WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS WOULD INCLUDE DISCUSSION OF THE RETURN OF MORPHU AND THE MARAS SECTION OF FAMAGUSTA TO THE GREEK CYPRIOTS. ACCORDING TO ANKA, DIPLOMATIC SOURCES RULE OUT WASHINGTON'S PLAYING A ROLE AS MEDIATOR WHILE THE ARMS EMBARGO CONTINUES AND AMERICA PROCLAIMS "ARMENIAN INHUMANITY DAY." IT SAID THAT AT A MEETING AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN

WHICH FORMER FORMIN ESENBEL TOOK PART, THE VIEW WAS REACHED
THAT TURKEY COULD NO LONGER "UNITE ITS DESTINY" WITH THE
US. THE NEWS DISPATCH ALSO REPORTED THAT "HARMAN, AS DID
KISSIGER, WOULD RETURN EMPTY HANDED WITH RESPECT TO HIS
REQUEST FOR ADVANCE CONCESSIONS."
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